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This is an excellent site for resources and fun activities. We will use this link to study and do mini lessons throughout the week (if there is time).

**Curtis Family Letters**

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Timothy Dunne immigrated to America from Ireland sometime in the mid-1830s, farmed in Pennsylvania for a time and then moved on to Belleville, Illinois. Dunne’s nephew John Curtis came from Mountmellick, Queen’s County, Ireland before 1838 and settled in Philadelphia; he was joined by his sister Jane ca. 1845. Other family members were already settled in the Philadelphia area and Washington, D.C. John’s sister Hannah Curtis Lynch and other family members remained in Ireland during the early years of the Potato Famine; Hannah and her husband William came to the United States in 1848.

These letters were written by Curtis family members residing in Philadelphia and Ireland during the years of the Famine.

**From Ireland to Philadelphia:**

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["I told my father you would not forget thomas"Hannah Curtis to brother John Curtis, November 24, 1845](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter1.pdf)

["there is neither employment nor food"   
William Dunne to John Curtis, April 25, 1846](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter5.pdf)

["there is nothing here but hardship and starvation"   
William Dunne to John Curtis, November 16,1846](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter2.pdf)

["the people are in a starving state"Hannah Curtis to John Curtis, April 2, 1847](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter3.pdf)

["I hope with the help of god I will soon be there my dear Cousin "William Dunne to John Curtis, April 2, 1851](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter4.pdf)

**From Philadelphia to Ireland:**

["when anyone gets married here they have so much troble on their minds"John and Jane to their mother Bridget Dunne Curtis, July 21, 1845](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/curtisletter6.pdf)\*

\*included in this letter is a note from Mary Dillon to her sister Bridget Dunne Curtis

**Irish Immigration Lesson Primary Sources**

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[Curtis family letters](http://www.hsp.org/node/2374)

[Ads from The*Catholic Herald*](http://www.hsp.org/node/2376)

[“Suffer for About the First Six Months After Leaving Home”: John Doyle Writes Home to Ireland, 1818](http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5798/). John Doyle.

[Irish Immigrant ballads](http://www.hsp.org/node/2377)

[Irish Americans in the Franklin County, PA newspapers, from the Valley of the Shadow site](http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow2/Browser1/frbrowser/fr.topic.immigrants.html):

* [Franklin Repository and Transcript, August 10, 1859, p. 3, c. 2: "A Yankee Trick."](http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/Browser1/frbrowser/fraug59.html#8.10b) An anecdote about a Irishman and his inability to learn a "Yankee trick."
* [Franklin Repository and Transcript, August 10, 1859, p. 3, c. 2: "'Two Irishmen Were One Day Engaged...'"](http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/Browser1/frbrowser/fraug59.html#8.10c) An anecdote about how an Irishman, "engaged in the highly interesting task of stealing a few peaches," ate a tree toad, thinking it was a peach.
* [Franklin Repository and Transcript, August 24, 1859, p. 8, c. 2: "'A True Story Is Told...'"](http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/Browser1/frbrowser/fraug59.html#8.24i) Anecdote about an illiterate Irishman who thinks that wearing glasses will help him to read and who believes that the salesman is trying to cheat him when they do not help.
* [Franklin Repository and Transcript, July 18 , 1860, p. 2, c. 5: "A Census Taking Anecdote."](http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/Browser1/frbrowser/frjuly60.html#7.18a) A anecdote about Irish immigrants that pokes fun at them for being drunken and uneducated.

**Italian Immigration Primary Sources**

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**Photographs**

[Families and Home: Italy and United States](http://www.hsp.org/node/2415)

[Work Life](http://www.hsp.org/node/2416)

[Community Life and Institutional Networks](http://www.hsp.org/node/2417)

[Ritual and Festive Life](http://www.hsp.org/node/2418)

[Ethnic Identity and Display](http://www.hsp.org/node/2419)

[Italian Immigrant Family Portraits](http://www.hsp.org/node/2391)

**Oral Histories**

[Italian Immigrant Interview Excerpts](http://www.hsp.org/node/2393)

[Life in Italy Interview Excerpts](http://www.hsp.org/node/2394)

[Work Life Interview Excerpts](http://www.hsp.org/node/2398)

[Family and Community Life Interview Excerpts](http://www.hsp.org/node/2405)

[Italian Immigrant Family Histories](http://www.hsp.org/node/2386)

**German Settlement Primary Sources**

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[Emigration U.S.A.-](http://www2.hsp.org/exhibits/Balch%20resources/emigrationusa/html/body_intro_emigration_usa.html)  Read popular ``emigrant guides" that provided potential German emigrants with information about the United States and Canada.

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#### Early Trade

1. [Bill of Lading for schooner Philadelphia, bound from Philadelphia to Havana. Jeremiah Boone Papers, HSP](http://www.hsp.org/node/2427)

Jeremiah Boone and his son William were Philadelphia merchants who traded foodstuffs to the Caribbean for return cargoes of molasses, sugar, tobacco, and leather. This receipt indicates the goods loaded, or laded, on the ship before it left port for Havana.

2. [Daniel Man logbook](http://www.hsp.org/node/2428)

Daniel Man was captain of a schooner,The Seaflower, which regularly transported cargo from Philadelphia to Puerto Cabello, Colombia. This account describes entering the port to shots fired from British ships, and the 12-day wait in port for tobacco goods to be delivered for transport back to Philadelphia.

#### Moving to Philadelphia

1. [Work Agreement for Employers of Puerto Rican Agricultural Workers, 1951](http://www.hsp.org/node/2718). Courtesy of Temple University Urban Archives.

2. ["Cuban Refugees Land Here"](http://www.hsp.org/sites/www.hsp.org/files/migrated/cubanrefugeenewspaperarticle.jpg)

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Temporary workers from Mexico, or braceros, were recruited during the 1940s to help with wartime labor shortages. Approximately 1,000 braceros came to Philadelphia during this time, most to work on the Pennsylvania Railroad. These writings by braceros were originally printed in the newsletter, El Bracero Mexicano, which featured articles, essays, and poetry written by Mexican workers. These excerpts, published in 1945, were originally in Spanish.

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